

Remarks

A. Pending Claims

Claims 121-154 and 188-205 are pending. Claim 149 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Support for the amendment is found in the specification at least at page 40, lines 5-6. Claims 155-187 have been cancelled without prejudice.

B. Restriction

Applicant elects the claims of Group I, namely claims 121-154 and 188-205, drawn to methods for heating and preventing damage to the heaters by using heaters sized in relation to the wellbore.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional patent application to non-elected subject matter.

C. Election

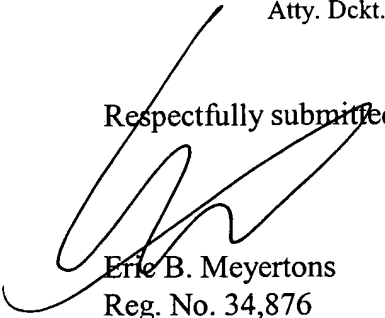
Applicant elects Species A, namely open or uncased wellbores. Claims 122 and 200 read directly on the elected species. In addition to claims 121 and 188 being generic to the species as noted by the Examiner, claims 123-139, 146-154, 189-200, and 203-205 appear to be generic to the species.

D. Additional Comments

It is believed that no fees are due in association with the filing of this document. If an extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any fees are required or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5659-21400/EBM.

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